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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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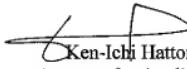
Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, dated May 8, 2006, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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